

Parish of Bright Bulletin
Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
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Mass Times: Week Beginning Monday 7th October

<i>St Patrick’s, Legamaddy</i>	<i>St Joseph’s, Killough</i>
7th October Monday 10am	8th Oct Tuesday 10am
11th Oct Friday 7.30pm	9th Oct Wednesday 7.30pm
13th Oct Sunday 10.00am	12th Oct Saturday 10.00am
	12th Oct Saturday Vigil 6.30pm

Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Rossglass
10th Oct Thursday 10.00

Faithful Departed

Anniversaries: Peter Maynes, Olive Benton (nee Milligan),
Damien Greenwood, Kathleen Thistleton (nee Young) & Jack Young.

Weekly Confessions

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available: after all weekday Masses;
and in St Joseph’s every Wednesday 8.00pm-8.45pm and at 6.00pm before
the Saturday Vigil Mass; and in St Patrick’s every Friday 8.00pm-8.45pm.

Eucharistic Adoration

St Joseph’s, Killough every Wednesday:
1.30pm-7.30pm and after Mass from 8.00pm-9.00pm.
St Patrick’s, Legamaddy every Friday:
6.30pm-7.30pm and after Mass from 8.00pm-9.00pm.

Why the Rosary was St. John Paul II’s Favourite Prayer

Popes don't always reveal their personal preferences in public, but St. John Paul II wasn't afraid to reveal his favourite types of prayer.

In the second Angelus message of his pontificate in 1978, St. John Paul II said plainly, "**The Rosary is my favourite prayer.** A marvellous prayer! Marvellous in its simplicity and in its depth."

St. John Paul II affirmed this statement in his Apostolic Letter, *Rosarium Virginis Mariae* in 2002, pointing out how he revealed this aspect of his spiritual life so early on in his pontificate and how it continued to comfort him in good times and bad:

‘The Rosary has accompanied me in moments of joy and in moments of difficulty. To it I have entrusted any number of concerns; in it I have always found comfort. Twenty-four years ago, on October 29, 1978, scarcely two weeks after my election to the See of Peter, I frankly admitted: “The Rosary is my favourite prayer.”’

In a certain sense, if you want to know all the reasons why St. John Paul II loved the Rosary, all you need to do is read *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*. It contains an in-depth study of the Rosary and the many reasons why the Polish pontiff loved it.

St. John Paul II does list one of the primary reasons why he loves the Rosary, explaining how the Rosary is a **path of contemplation:** ‘The **most important reason** for strongly encouraging the practice of the Rosary is that it represents a **most effective means of fostering among the faithful that commitment to the contemplation of the Christian mystery** which I have proposed in the Apostolic Letter *Novo Millennio Ineunte* as a genuine “training in holiness”: “What is needed is a Christian life distinguished above all in the *art of prayer*” ... The Rosary belongs among the finest and most praiseworthy traditions of **Christian contemplation.**’

For St. John Paul II, not only did the Rosary provide a way to contemplate the mysteries of the Gospel, it also looked to Mary, whom he believed was a "model of contemplation.”

St. John Paul II did all that he could to promote the Rosary during his pontificate, sharing with the world its impact on his life, hoping that it could help us in our own spiritual journey.” (By Philip Kosloski)

The month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary.
It’s a beautiful time to discover or rediscover
the power of praying the Rosary!